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## Emmett Jordan Not Seeking Vacated House Delegate Seat

by Gary Childs

Speculation has begun on who may be selected to fill the District 22 House of Delegates seat vacated by Tawanna Gaines. Gaines resigned in connection with a federal wire fraud charge filed against her alleging that she redirected \$22,000 of contributions to her campaign into another account. A Washington Post article, published on October 13, listed Nicole Williams and Ashanti Martinez, who the article stated “both ran unsuccessfully last year for one of the district’s three House seats,” as potential applicants for the appointment.

The article also mentioned that Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan said he was considering trying for the seat. In an interview with the News Review,

however, Jordan emphasized that “he is committed to the City of Greenbelt and would like to serve as mayor for another term.” He said that he very much hopes to be able to continue serving the city on council and believes he has a lot to offer the city. When asked if he had considered competing for Gaines’ vacated seat, he said that though he had thought about the idea in general terms, he had not made a specific decision to do so, nor completed the formal application required for him to be considered as a candidate.

Jordan said that the timing of this was unfortunate, with the vacated seat coming

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Participants begin the 1K Rafael's Race at Greenbelt Elementary School. See story, page 15.

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## Police Meet with Community To Address Gun Violence

by Fatemeh Paryavi

Greenbelt East residents filled the conference room at Greenbriar on October 10, invited by Police Chief Richard Bowers to hear the police response to community concerns after two recent shootings in the neighborhood.

After introducing the members of the police department and Mayor Emmett Jordan, Bowers continued, “We were sort of caught with the series of shooting events that occurred over the last several weeks in and around the school, here.” He was referring to the shootings on September 25 and October 7, neither of which have reported victims.

Sergeant Detective Chris Bladzinski said that he believed that the shootings resulted as a grievance with the school. However, he mentioned that though

there have been hints, no victims have stepped forward.

“Everything is so confidential, in a sense, and we’re working, trust me,” he said. “Everybody’s safety is our concern.”

Police Lieutenant Tim White added, “When these things happen, communication is key.”

After the briefings, Bowers opened the meeting up to citizens to voice questions or concerns. Many residents were worried about the alleged trespassing of students into their buildings, as well as loitering and smoking on the property.

Some residents raised concerns of marijuana smell on their property. Due to legalization of

medical marijuana, there are limitations to what police can do about the smell. However, residents were encouraged to call the police to keep unwanted persons off their property.

Aside from resident concerns, the police mentioned the rise of mental health calls as well as a 33 percent increase in suicide attempts since last year. To address the increases, police are getting more education about mental health.

Officers are increasing patrolling in order to keep the community safe. Bowers urged the community to call when they see something so the police can solve problems efficiently.

## Cynthia Comproni Retires From GFCU after 38 Years

by Sara Chernikoff

Thirty-eight years ago, Cynthia (Cindy) Comproni began her first day of work as a collector at the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union (GFCU). Back in 1981, she was working off of clunky terminals and typewriters. Before her eyes, the cooperative bank went from owning \$5 million in assets to drastically growing its membership. Comproni, a Lanham native, said she grew up with the credit union and learned the ins and outs of the Greenbelt community. After many years of hard work and dedication, Comproni is closing this chapter in her life and retiring.

After four years of familiarizing herself with banking operations, Comproni was hired as a full-time manager in 1985. As the banking industry innovated, GFCU grew steadily alongside the change. When Comproni



Cynthia Comproni

PHOTO BY SARA CHERNIKOFF

began her career, GFCU did not offer many of the convenient services it currently provides to its members.

Comproni developed GFCU’s first website in the early ’90s. “Everything is electronic and automated now,” said Comproni.

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Scouts help clean up the Forest Preserve. Back row: Emmeline Bedford-Dillow, Barrett Bedford-Dillow (Wolf Leader), Jenna Line, Christian Stone (Lion Leader), Oscar Velasco (Pack 202 Charter Organization Representative), Robert McFarland. Front row: Becca Ossi (Webelo Leader), Luke Aten (Tiger), Ashton Stone (Lion), Adrian Velasco (Webelo), Wolfgang Stone (Wolf), Callum Bedford-Dillow (Wolf), Micah McFarland (Wolf). See story, page 7.

## ERHS Teacher Pens English Textbook for Spanish Speakers

by Matthew Arbach

*Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com).*

Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) teacher Hubert Willoughby saw the need for a system of teaching English to Spanish speakers that would address their unique needs. The result is his new book, American English for Spanish Speakers.

The book customizes learning to this group “by focusing on the major phonological and grammatical challenges facing Spanish speakers,” said Willoughby.

It offers practice exercises along with an answer key and

emphasizes American idioms, which are often overlooked. “The book provides detailed explanations and lots of examples regarding their usage,” said Willoughby.

He believes the book’s usefulness extends to English speakers. He said that “it could also be helpful to native English speakers who wish to improve their competence in grammar as well as get a good grasp of high frequency idioms and their usage in the American English repertoire.”

Willoughby has been a Spanish teacher at ERHS since 2001. He said his experience there

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### What Goes On

**Saturday, October 19 9 a.m. to noon**, Shredding Day, parking lot behind the credit union

**Monday, October 21 8 p.m.** Council Worksession, Greenbelt Watershed, Municipal Building

**Wednesday, October 23 7:30 p.m.** Four Cities Meeting, New Carrollton Municipal Building

**Friday, October 25 5 p.m.** Halloween Family Activities, Springhill Lake Rec Center

**7 p.m.** Halloween Movie, Springhill Lake Rec Center

**Saturday, October 26 9 a.m. to noon**, Electronics, Styrofoam and Paint Recycling, Public Works yard

**2 to 5 p.m.** Fall Fest, Schrom Hills Park

For details, see city ad, page 5.



# Letters to the Editor

## Safety and Security For All Residents

I attended the meeting, primarily between the Greenbelt East community and members of the Greenbelt Police Department last Thursday, October 10 at Greenbriar. There were several safety and security issues that seniors wanted to have addressed. The department promised to work with the management company to help allay some of their concerns. At the meeting I learned that the department is currently doing de-escalation training with officers, and others are being certified to be resource officers who can work with individuals who have mental health and behavioral issues. The goal, I was told by Lieutenant Tim White, is to have an emergency resource officer available 24/7 that can assist officers when they encounter individuals with mental health and other issues.

It is important that the police be prepared to work with anyone with challenges without harming or killing them when people do not respond as directed because of emotional or behavioral issues, or being deaf or hard of hearing. Individuals may have a condition that impacts motor control or mobility; coupled with being a person of color increases the likelihood of an individual being harmed by police. Unfortunately, there are still issues of implicit/racial bias in our society that can impact our reactions in a critical situation.

The Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance was alarmed by the recent shooting death of Leonard Shand in Hyattsville, by 10 officers from Hyattsville, Mt. Rainier and Prince George’s County. Ten officers surrounding Mr. Shand, with guns drawn escalated the situation.

What are the rules governing when and how officers from other jurisdictions could become involved in a Greenbelt situation? Who would be in charge? If Greenbelt officers are being trained in de-escalation techniques is there an officer available who is responsible to call a resource officer to neutralize the situation and prevent injury or death for all involved?

Since Greenbelt has a de-escalation policy how are incidents reviewed, and what happens if an officer does not follow the policy?

I sincerely hope that Chief Rich Bowers and the department has a response to these questions in advance of any serious situation developing in Greenbelt. We know that this type of incident

can quickly get out of control and, it is imperative that the Greenbelt Police Department have a contingency plan that officers can execute to maintain the safety and security for all Greenbelt residents.

Lois Rosado, Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance

## What’s Next?

With plans to possibly construct a permanent money factory (moneyfactory.com) on 100 acres at the historic Beltsville Agricultural Research Center next door to Greenbelt neighborhoods, what’s next? The good news, however, is that two other locations are also being studied.

Does printing money on local farmland even make sense, especially when these fields could be utilized for advancing other much-needed research into growing food, such as organic (which builds healthy soil not dependent on fossil fuels and GMOs)? Organic is one of the fastest-growing agricultural markets today. Or, what about adding a solar power array on sunny fields that would help reduce the federal government’s carbon footprint? Anyone aware that climate change needs attention with its impact on food production?

While the thought of catering to industries unrelated to agriculture is troubling enough, should this site be selected, there are other projects to consider. The proposed maglev above-ground structures, if approved, will require taking even more agricultural fields and forests.

Jean Newcomb

## The Value Of Smart Growth

In November 2018 the Prince George’s County Council, with much support from developers, changed the definitions of zones that govern what may be built and where it may be built. The new zoning plan is of the type known as smart growth or sustainable development. It seeks to develop by increasing population density rather than sprawl. One way the new plan does this is by allowing approximately four times as many townhouses or multi-dwelling units per acre as currently allowed. If a builder can buy out enough older units, it can redevelop entire areas. The new plan also allows for building up to 48 multi-family residential units per acre (generally on top of commercial establishments) in shopping centers and office parks. Smart Growth’s solution for the

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## Corrections

In the article on Troop 214’s new Eagle Scouts in the October 10 issue, we misspelled the name of one of the new Eagles, Jaden Dirksen. Our apologies and continued congratulations.

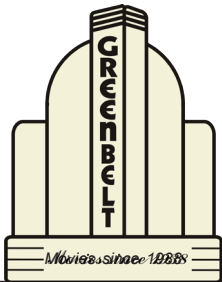
In the article Rezoning Briefing Continues Concerns, Calms Some Fears in the October 10 issue says that “much of the core of Greenbelt is currently covered by the Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zones (NCOZ) designation” even though there is not yet an NCOZ for Greenbelt. Much of the core of Greenbelt is currently covered by a Residential Planned Community (RPC) overlay zone. The new ordinance, to be voted on November 2020 or later, will not include the RPC overlay zone but will instead include an NCOZ.

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- Izzy Parker. News Review, November 17, 1949

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## On Screen

### Judy

Legendary performer Judy Garland arrives in London in the winter of 1968 to perform a series of sold-out concerts. Some 30 years after her rise to stardom in The Wizard of Oz, her voice may have weakened but its dramatic intensity has only grown. As she prepares for the show, battles with management, charms musicians and reminisces with friends and adoring fans, her wit and warmth shine through. Even her dreams of love seem undimmed as she embarks on a whirlwind romance with Mickey Deans, her soon-to-be fifth husband. “Renée Zellweger’s dedicated turn as a tragic Judy Garland elevates a film working with a tried and true formula to something of wonder,” says one critic. Featuring some of Garland’s best-known songs, the film celebrates the voice, the capacity for love and the sheer pizzazz of “the world’s greatest entertainer.”

Rated PG-13, running time: 118 minutes

- Sandy Rodgers



# Community Events

## At the Library

The Greenbelt Branch Library will be closed from November 25 to January 21 for the installation of new carpeting and shelves. During this time, customers will have to pick up holds and use library services at alternate locations, although the book drop will still be open at Greenbelt.

Requests for materials to be picked up at Greenbelt can be made through staff, by visiting or calling the branch during open hours. Staff will have to ensure that the material will be delivered before November 25. Online requests can be made for materials to be picked up at other branches.

### Teen Advisory Board

Monday, October 21, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Earn service hours while making the library a great place for teens. Enjoy snacks, meet new people, become a leader. Registration is required. For further information, contact the branch either in person or by calling 301-345-5800. TAB meets weekly on Monday afternoons.

### English Conversation

Tuesday, October 22, 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join this club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. The club meets weekly as a walk-in event on Tuesday evenings.

### Weekly Storytimes

Tuesday, October 22, 7 p.m., ages 3 to 5, limit 30 people. Wednesday, October 23, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2, limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3, limit 30 people. Thursday, October 24, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2, limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s).

### STEM-tastic

Wednesday, October 23, 4:30 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Become a mad scientist by conducting hands-on, fun science experiments using basic scientific principles. Come build with Brain Flakes, complete challenges, and get creative. No registration is required.

### Kids Achieve Club

Thursday, October 24, 4 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Homework help and reading practice for students in grades 1 through 6. Service provided during half-hour sessions by appointment only; call the branch to register at 301-345-5800 option 2.

### French Conversation

Thursday, October 24, 5 p.m. Learning to speak French? Join this club and practice speaking French in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. No registration required.

## Volunteer Trail Crew At Greenbelt Park

On Saturday, October 19 join the Greenbelt Park volunteer corps to improve the park through stewardship projects. This is a great opportunity to get outdoors and pay it forward while working on a trail maintenance project. Meet at the Park Headquarters at 9 a.m. Call 301-344-3948 to pre-register.

On Sunday, October 20 spend some time on the Greenbelt Park Fall Colors Walk. The park is a great place to enjoy the fall colors close to home. Meet at Park Headquarters at 1 p.m. for a one-mile walk.

## Plant Swap On October 20

There will be a Plant Swap at 1 Hamilton Place on Sunday, October 20. Set-up will begin at 2 p.m. and the swap will begin at 2:30 p.m. Most of the perennials in the garden are spent; the annuals are leggy and many seeds are ready for harvesting. It's a good time to contemplate your garden: Which perennials are out of bounds? Do you have seeds to share? Do you have surplus tools? A clutter of gardening magazines?

It's always fun to add some variety to the garden. So bring overabundant plants, divisions, seedlings, seeds and bulbs to swap for neighbors' excesses. Bring tools that are in good working condition, gardening books, magazines, garden ornaments, etc.

For those who are just starting out and don't have any of these things, bring cookies to share. New gardeners can always garner a few tips as well as pick up some plants.

Do not bring house plants or invasive species such as English Ivy, pachysandra, periwinkle or Rose of Sharon. Large objects that are not traded get to go home with their respective donors. The rain date will be October 27. For questions, contact Lynne Slater at lgslater717@iCloud.com.



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## Support Group For Widowed Persons

A free support group to help men and women who have recently lost their spouses will begin Saturday, October 19, at the Community Center. The sessions will be offered from 1 to 3 p.m. each Saturday for six weeks. Registration is requested before the group starts. To get more information and to register, call 301-693-5210 or visit wisboy929@yahoo.com. This support group is presented by Patuxent Widowed Persons Service and is supported by community organizations.

## Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, October 19, at the City Observatory, located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see Jupiter, Saturn and deep sky objects (nebulae, star clusters and galaxies) currently high in the sky, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 7:30 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of October 21 are as follows:

Monday, October 21: meatloaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, Brussels sprouts, whole-wheat bread, fresh fruit, apple juice

Tuesday, October 22: glazed ham, macaroni and cheese, green peas, dinner roll, mandarin oranges, fruit punch

Wednesday, October 23: hamburger, baked beans, hot spiced apples, carrot raisin salad, whole-wheat hamburger bun, cranberry juice

Thursday, October 24: cranberry Dijon chicken, rosemary potatoes, cabbage, whole-wheat roll, pineapple tidbits, grape juice

Friday, October 25: cream of tomato soup, stuffed salmon with Newburg sauce, confetti rice, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, fluffy fruit salad, orange juice.

## PGCPS CEO Goldson Guest at Tues Social

Delegate Alonzo Washington invites the community to join him for his Annual District 22 PTA Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Yogi Castle (5501 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville) with special guest, Dr. Monica Goldson.

This event provides an opportunity to speak directly with the Prince George's County Public Schools CEO about any concerns on the state of the school system. Topics may include school transportation, class sizes, parental engagement, funding and construction.

Come to this informal discussion and for some free ice cream.

More Community Events  
are located throughout  
the paper.

## Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense

Kathie Flamm, representing the Prince George's County Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, will speak at the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club meeting Friday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building, Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway. For more information about the Roosevelt Club, contact Club President Nicole Williams at 202-321-4207 or visit their website at rooseveltclub.com.

## Haunted Farm October 25, 26

St. Hugh's youth group will host a Haunted Farm on Friday, October 25 and Saturday, October 26 from 6 to 10 p.m. Tours will begin in St. Hugh's school parking lot. Warning:

may be too scary for younger children. Donations support the youth group's annual retreat in Steubenville, Ohio.



## At Greenbelt Park

Saturday, October 26, Ranger Talk: Chemistry of Autumn. As the leaves change with the fall season, learn about the natural chemistry that causes the colors of autumn in Greenbelt's forest and along the scenic Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Look at magnified leaf tissue under a microscope to see chlorophyll in the chloroplasts that make summer leaves green. Do you know what color carotene creates in leaves? Meet at the Park Headquarters at 11 a.m.

Thursday, October 31 at 4:30 p.m., The Goatman: Is He a Myth? As Halloween approaches, shiver with the frost on the pumpkin (or with fear of the Goatman?) and warm yourself before a fire, as a park ranger describes the myth (or is it?!) of the Goatman, a bizarre creature sighted frequently in this vicinity. Beware, because the Goatman may be in the Greenbelt woods, and may be glimpsed in the firelight. The Goatman lives! Special Location: Hyattsville Library, 6502 America Boulevard, Hyattsville.

## Museum Lecture On Mapping Racism

The Greenbelt Museum will host a lecture this Thursday, October 17, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center, entitled Mapping Racism. Stuart Eisenberg, executive director of the Hyattsville CDC (HCDC), will talk about that organization's multi-faceted project which shines a light upon the historic use of racially-restrictive deed covenants in the area. Mapping Racism employs dance, theatrical experiences and a series of workshops to focus on remnant racism and how local communities coped with restriction covenants.

Project partners include Joe's Movement Emporium, Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center, Ally Theater, Orange Grove Dance, the City of Hyattsville and the towns of North Brentwood and Brentwood. This lecture is part of the Greenbelt Museum's ongoing effort to increase awareness of Greenbelt's segregated past, to emphasize the research being done into local African American history, and ideally to offer a forum where discussions about race, diversity and equity can take place. The lecture is free and open to the public, but attendees are asked to pre-register at Eventbrite.com. Limited seating may be available on the night of the lecture for those who have not registered, but it is not guaranteed. Sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the City of Greenbelt.



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Friday Oct 18 - Thursday Oct 24

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| 8 am  | Democracy Now!  |
| 9 am  | Classic Film: Shirley Temple<br><i>The Little Princess</i> (1939) |
| 11 am | Greenbelt Discussion  |
| 12 pm | Greenbelt News Reel<br>Utopia FF Previews!                        |
| 1 pm  | Greenbelt Cooperatives  |
| 2 pm  | Greenbelt News Reel<br>Utopia FF Previews!                        |
| 3 pm  | Classic Film: Shirley Temple<br><i>The Little Princess</i> (1939) |
| 5 pm  | Strata (Archaeology)  |
| 6 pm  | Greenbelt News Reel<br>Utopia FF Previews!                        |
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There will be a talk-back with the cast following the November  
3rd performance.

Coming Soon to the Greenbelt Arts Center  
October 27 - Greenbelt Arts Center General Meeting - 5pm  
November 15-17 - Utopia Film Festival



# Mishkan Torah and St. Hugh’s Church Help Feed the Hungry on Yom Kippur

by Mary Moien



Volunteers from St. Hugh's Ladies of Charity, Mishkan Torah Synagogue and others pack bags of groceries. From left, Ellen Hanyok, Marcie Lissauer, Peggy Compton, Celeste Yeager, Andrea Weiss, Mary Bitter, Vicki Focht, Barbara Hamilton, Marsha Salzberg, David Granite and Robert Goldberg-Strassler. Solange Hess is in center front.

On October 10, the day after Yom Kippur, the most solemn day in the Jewish calendar, a mini-caravan of cars brought 68 bulging bags of groceries from the synagogue to the food pantry at St. Hugh’s. Members of Mishkan Torah support the food pantry throughout the year, but during the High Holidays they have a special collection.

Andrea Weiss, a member of Mishkan Torah’s Social Action Committee, explained that “the congregation, in keeping with our Jewish tradition, has a tradition of collecting food for the hungry during the Day of Atonement.” This year the committee handed out new blue canvas bags on Rosh Hashanah with instructions to fill the bags and bring them

back on Yom Kippur. The new bags, labeled Mishkan Torah Feeding Our Community, were a huge success.

Solange Hess and other members of the St. Hugh’s Ladies of Charity were ready to receive the bags of food. Everyone from both

congregations joined in to empty the bags, sort the several hundred cans and boxes of food and stock the shelves. The St. Hugh’s food pantry is the major source of food for the hungry in the City of Greenbelt.



Andrea Weiss and Marsha Salzberg of Mishkan Torah Synagogue pose with bags of groceries for the St. Hugh's Food Pantry.

- Photos by Mary Moien



Condolences to the family and friends of Alice Kovalchik, a longtime resident of Greenbelt who died on October 13.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).

**Alice Kovalchik**

Alice Kovalchik, age 88, a longtime resident of Greenbelt died on October 13, 2019, at Sacred Heart Home in Hyattsville. A viewing at Borgwardt Funeral Home, Powder Mill Road, Beltsville is on Sunday, October 20, from 3 to 7 p.m. There will be a funeral mass at St. Hugh’s Church at 10 a.m. on Monday, October 21.

**Singers Needed For Christmas Concert**

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Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe





# City Information & Events

### MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 21-25

Monday, October 21 at 8:00pm **WORK SESSION Greenbelt Water Shed** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, Streaming at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipalTV](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipalTV)

Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00pm **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION Annual PTA Presidents Meeting** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road *On the Agenda: Meeting with PTA Presidents, Review Grant Procedures and Deadlines*

Tuesday, October 22 at 7:30pm **GREEN ACES MEETING** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road *On the Agenda: Pesticide Legislation, Updates, and Upcoming Events*

Wednesday, October 23 at 7:30pm **FOUR CITIES MEETING** at New Carrollton Municipal Building

Thursday, October 24 at 7:00pm **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD** at Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road *On the Agenda: Dynamic Governance Review, Guidelines Review, Review AMT Final Report, Science Fund Application*

*This schedule is subject to change. For meeting confirmation please call 301-474-8000.*

### CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

**ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE BY EARLY VOTING or ABSENTEE VOTING. NO MORE EXCUSES!**

#### SAMPLE BALLOT

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| Judith F. Davis     |
| Emmett V. Jordan    |
| Edward V. J. Putens |
| Rodney M. Roberts   |
| William A. Orleans  |
| Silke I. Pope       |
| Colin A. Byrd       |
| Leta M. Mach        |

#### EARLY VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

**Greenbelt Municipal Building** – (25 Crescent Road)  
October 14th – November 1st:  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Tuesday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

**Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse** – (6915 Hanover Parkway)  
Saturday, October 19th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and  
Sunday, October 20th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Springhill Lake Recreation Center** – (6101 Cherrywood Lane)  
Saturday, October 26th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and  
Sunday, October 27th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, and Youth Advisory Committee For more information: 301-474-8000

### BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING

The Board of Elections will meet on Thursday, October 17, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building.



**OKTOBERFEST**  
OCTOBER 18th  
1:30 p.m.  
Greenbelt Community Center Gym  
15 Crescent Rd Greenbelt, MD

Join us October 18th at 1:30 in the Community Center. Entertainment by Helmut Licht and light refreshments!

### FREE BABYSITTING COURSE

**Saturday, October 19, from 1:00 - 4:00pm**  
Springhill Lake Rec. Center Clubhouse, 6101 Cherrywood Ln

The course is for students in grades 5-8 (ages 11-14). Students will learn responsibilities of watching children, as well as learn about resources like poison control, 911, police, and fire prevention.

Please call 301-345-6660 or email [jhering@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:jhering@greenbeltnmd.gov) to register.

### SHREDDING DAY

**Saturday, October 19 9 AM – 12 NOON**  
(or until the truck is full)

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be shredding your documents in the parking lot behind the Credit Union at 112 Centerway Only 5 file boxes/bags per person. Must be present for shredding; abandoned boxes/bags will be put in the trash. Personal records only (no business). No contaminants accepted. NO BATTERIES. No plastic binders and sheets. For more information, call 240-542-2153

### NOTICE CONCERNING GREENBELT.COM

The City of Greenbelt will be taking over the domain name of greenbelt.com. If you have any information, files, websites etc. you will need to back them up and migrate them to another server, as the City's security systems will not allow 3rd party websites. We are giving all users at least a month to do this.

If you have any concerns, contact Beverly Palau at [bpalau@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:bpalau@greenbeltnmd.gov). We will work with you to help make the transition. Thank you for your cooperation!

### NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Greenbelt Police Department, 550 Crescent Rd  
October 26th from 10:00am-2:00pm



The Greenbelt Police will again partner with the DEA to collect unwanted/unused medications. We will be offering a convenient drive-up option so you don't even need to leave your car! Help fight the opioid epidemic and prevent water contamination by disposing of your unwanted medications properly.

### 20th ANNUAL HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

Greenbelt Community Center Gym, 15 Crescent Rd  
October 22nd from 10:00am-2:00pm

Drop in and take advantage of some of the screenings being offered and get information about programs and services!



### ATTENTION LOCAL BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS



The 14th annual Gobble Wobble 5K Family Fun Run & Walk is rapidly approaching. The Gobble Wobble is a Thanksgiving morning tradition for many, as families join both novice and experienced runners for this great community event. Greenbelt Recreation is seeking local businesses and organizations interested in supporting the Gobble Wobble and its continued success. Sponsor the 2019 Gobble Wobble 5K Family Fun Run & Walk!! A minimum \$100 donation will get your logo on the back of the race shirt given to all registrants and any promotional material provided can be placed in race packets.

The City of Greenbelt has traditionally received great support from local businesses and organizations. If your business/organization is interested in sponsoring this year's Gobble Wobble, please contact Greenbelt Recreation at 301-397-2200 or e-mail [aphelan@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:aphelan@greenbeltnmd.gov). All sponsorships must be received by Monday, November 4.

## COSTUME CONTEST AND PARADE

Prizes will be awarded to contestants with the most innovative costume in their category:  
Funny, Spooky, Original, Pets, Superhero/Comic, Princess/Fairy, Group/Family, and Space!

**ROOSEVELT CENTER**  
**OCTOBER 30 4:30P.M.**

**FREE EVENT!** Parade lineup starts at 4:00pm. Movie Begins at 6pm  
For more information visit [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation)



## HALLOWEEN MOVIE & FAMILY FUN EVENT IN FRANKLIN PARK

**OCTOBER 25TH**  
**SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER**  
6101 Cherrywood Lane

Activities start at 5pm  
Movie starts at 7pm

For additional info call 301-397-2212



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**Moonbounces & Inflatables \* Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department**  
**Trunk or Treat \* KidCare ID's by Greenbelt Police Department**



# FALL fest

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 \* 2-5PM**  
**SCHROM HILLS PARK, 6915 HANOVER PARKWAY**

### PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

**Thursday, October 24, from 1:30 - 2:30pm**

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living program partners with the DC Capital Area Food Bank and the University of Maryland Extension to provide free produce to local families. Admission is free, no RSVP needed! NO parking in lot; must park on street. Please bring your own bags!

Questions? Call Katherine Farzin, Community Outreach Coordinator, (240) 542-2019.

### DONATION DROP-OFF

Green Drop Charitable Donations  
<https://www.gogreendrop.com/acceptable-items/>

Saturday, October 26, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon or until the truck is full  
Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center  
Every second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Saturday of the month  
Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308

### ELECTRONICS, STYROFOAM, AND PAINT RECYCLING

**Saturday, October 26 9 AM – 12 NOON**  
**Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Rd**

Accepted items include: CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end. No more tube TVs accepted. Yuck Old Paint - Paint Recycling cost is \$5 per container. DO NOT mix paint in other containers. In order for paint to be properly used, the contents on the inside need to match the label on the outside.

Questions? Greenbelt Sustainability Office 240-542-2153



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resulting congestion is to take lanes away from cars and replace them with protected bike lanes and bus lanes, thereby discouraging travel by car and reducing CO2 emissions.

Some people strongly oppose high-density development as a threat to our quality of life and as contrary to the vision of the city's founders. Those opponents note the rise in taxes brought by increased use of city services. In addition to supporting a conservation overlay zone preserving Old Greenbelt as is, they seek to protect all Greenbelt residents from high-density development. Others have indicated their support for smart growth and sustainable economic development. They also support a conservation overlay zone for Old Greenbelt that involves careful stewardship.

William Manico

Call to Action

There has been standing water in the parking lot of Greenway Center, between Safeway and the liquor store. Algae is growing (and is slippery) and my feet/shoes are soaked after traipsing from car to store. I'd like to see this wet problem resolved. If you're inclined to, contact: combined.biz/contact/Info@combined.biz

Thank you for your voice!

Li'l Dan Celdran

Thanks

I just wanted to thank Kayla Kozak for her article about the fireflies. It was accurate and very well written.

Mary Ann Canter

The Scoop on Poop

After reading the community event advertised in the September 19 issue announcing the informational meeting about factory farms, I was reminded of recent innovations regarding animal waste. Denmark processes 80 percent of its chicken manure into fuel which serves a dual purpose of providing fuel and keeping waste out of the environment. Perhaps Shakespeare was on something when he said that something was rotten in Denmark.

Chicken farming should be encouraged instead of discouraged. Unlike beef farming, chicken farming takes up less space which could be used for growing crops. Chickens can go to market within seven weeks of being hatched instead of a year required by Midwestern beef farmers to get their beef to market. Chickens do not pass gas or belch which keeps our planet cleaner. Chicken is cheaper to buy than beef which means low income folks could lower their food cost. Organic grain-fed birds are healthier than beef which is loaded with fat. The trend toward

consumers preferring chicken is reflected by new restaurants which serve chicken exclusively. Consumers and environmentalists could work together to explore ways to encourage processing poultry waste into fuel and for healthy inexpensive protein. Innovation is always the best choice for solving problems.

This effort to stop food production is irrational and definitely not in the spirit of the Greenbelt I called home. Greenbelters always came through by saving the forest, stopping the high rise, foiling those pesky beavers, addressing smoking, installing solar panels, trying to stop the train, achieving zero waste and restoring the lake to sustain lake critters. I know that they will get their poop together to locate information on the manure processing industry to encourage our neighbors on the Eastern shore to continue food production in an environmentally sound way. It's not just the environment at risk but also the livelihood of resort owners and watermen along the Chesapeake. Lobster production has dropped significantly in Maine and heaven forbid our beloved crabs are affected. Stopping new factory farms from starting up would not address the root problem since older farms would continue polluting which is why the Danish model would not only solve the problem but also create new income.

Hopefully lawmakers reading this letter can begin the effort to save the Bay with organized citizens supporting the cause. Eleanor would love it! There is hope on the horizon though, as companies have begun processing algae blooms into fuel. When the process can protect feeder fish, feces blooms in the Chesapeake could soon wind up as fuel. Innovations rather than bandages will be our key for survival. Time is running out.

Shelve J. Angle

Safe Driving Class Monday, October 28

The AARP Safe Driving class will be held Monday, October 28 in the Community Center. The class runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with an hour off for lunch (not provided). Sign up to reserve a place in person at the GIVES office or by calling GIVES at 301-507-6580. Space is limited. There is a fee payable on the day of the class.

Canine Good Citizen Test at Fire House

Greenbelt Dog Training will be offering the Canine Good Citizen Test (CGC) and the Advanced CGC Test developed by the American Kennel Club (AKC) at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Fire House at 125 Crescent Road on Sunday, October 20 from noon to 3 p.m.

How does your dog respond to distractions when walking in the community or what training is needed to take a dog out and keep it safe? There is an easy way to find out: AKC has created tests to rate the skills of humans and their dogs to safely navigate public spaces at akc.org.

Allie W. Lee, owner of Greenbelt Dog Training and an AKC certified CGC evaluator, will conduct the testing. For additional information call 301-345-6999, email info@greenbeltdogtraining.com or visit greenbeltdogtraining.com.

There is a fee and all proceeds will be donated to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad where Greenbelt Dog Training classes are held.



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Emmett V. Jordan  
Greenbelt City Council

Greenbelters will have an opportunity to vote for the next City Council on Tuesday, November 5th. My consistent record of service and hard work on Council provides many examples of why voters should consider once again casting a vote for me.

I've lived up to the promises I made when I first ran for election in 2009. I seek out the opinions of residents & stakeholders by being accessible and engaged in community activities inside and outside of Greenbelt. I strive to be respectful of differing opinions and work to reach consensus when I have an opposing viewpoint.

Many of the issues that face Council require creativity and patience to address. It's a privilege to serve on City Council and to provide leadership that is moving our City in some new directions:

- Community & economic development activities are now integrated into the City's management objectives and staff is working to retain local businesses and to expand the city's tax base.
- Prioritizing investments in Greenbelt West/Greenbelt Station including funding for the pedestrian path to the Metro Station and additional resources for recreational activities.
- Fighting for Greenbelt against proposals such as B/W Parkway and 495 toll lanes... and the Maglev, while advocating for better transportation investments.
- Providing careful stewardship of Roosevelt Center and historic Greenbelt.

Over the next two years, I promise to protect the City's unique legacy while focusing on the future through careful planning and action....

Emmett



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The trust and confidence of many people allowed me to serve as Mayor for the past six years. I ask for your vote, so that I can continue to work on your behalf.



**Jordan For Greenbelt**  
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By Authority of Peggy Higgins, Treasurer



# Rezoning Briefing Continues Concerns, Calms Some Fears

by Cathie Meetre

*This is part two of a two-part series about a recent worksession at which the council was briefed on the proposed Prince George's County zoning changes which will likely be voted on in November, 2020.*

### No Change for Most

Chad Williams, giving the briefing on behalf of the county planning board, noted that one objective of the plan was to make the new zones match the current zones as closely as possible. This is explained in a document, Guide to New Zones, which is available from the county [zoningpgc.pgplanning.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Zoning-Rewrite-Decision-Matrix-Brochure-August-2019-v2.pdf](http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Zoning-Rewrite-Decision-Matrix-Brochure-August-2019-v2.pdf). He also pointed out that this zoning exercise is a new venture for the county, which has never tried anything on this scale before, but the process that is now in place makes it an easier exercise than less comprehensive earlier efforts.

Williams reiterated that 97 percent of the county moves directly from its current zone to the equivalent zone in the new mapping. For example, the Residential Single Family 55 (RSF55) zone which currently applies to Greenbelt's single-family homes in the Boxwood, Lakewood, Lakeside Drive, etcetera subdivisions will map directly to the Residential Single Family 65 (RSF65) zone, which applies to single family houses with 6500-square-foot lots.

The 3 percent that does not map directly includes, for example, the Route 1 corridor, which also incorporates Greenbelt Road from Route 1 to Hanover Parkway. These areas have gone through a different process but already have a new designated zoning which is available on the web. One such property of interest to Greenbelt is Beltway Plaza for which a zoning action is in process.

Williams described how, in classifying a property, planners look at entitlements that have already been approved. For example, this might include site plans or preliminary plans of subdivision, master plan recommendations and the nature of the surrounding area – to make sure, Williams stated, that everybody plays by the same rules. These rules recognize what has already taken place, for example, Beltway Plaza was classified to the CGO zone and the Greenbelt Station development became a residential zone having originally been an industrial property (the Smith property). Current residential zoning remains residential, but current non-residential zoning will automatically become a newer, and likely denser, category.

Zones were developed for mixed use, higher density development at defined centers. One of these is Greenbelt Metro and it includes Franklin Park. Designated downtowns are the highest density zones, e.g. Prince George's Plaza and New Carrollton, and are also generally transit oriented, with Metro stations or other transportation hubs. There are a number of different densities associated with these areas, going from less- to more-dense in incremental steps. The new zoning for the area around the

Greenbelt Metro Station, including Franklin Park, exemplifies these classifications.

### Forest Preserve

Councilmember Rodney Roberts raised the issue of the zoning for the Forest Preserve on which the new plan permits one house per five acres. He wanted a zoning that forbids any development of a property – period. Williams explained that such a zoning would be unconstitutional because in the U.S., property rights reside with the owner and an owner could not be stripped of these rights in perpetuity. As the owner, the city does have the right to develop the property within the constraints of the zoning plan – but is free to elect not to. Roberts wanted the preserve to be safeguarded eternally – but Williams and Councilmember Judith Davis both pointed out that if, a hundred years from now, it was the will of the people at that time to do otherwise, they could not be denied that right. Roberts was not mollified by this response.

### New Applications

Asked whether the county expected a flood of rezoning applications before next year's approval, Williams said that the time to apply was realistically already past and that applications that would be successful were already in the pipeline. Rezoning would be frozen from next March through approval in November as part of the process, so any applications made now would not have time to get through before the deadline.

Davis remarked drily that nobody would have said that the old zoning was great. She said that council was mainly concerned that the new approach, which she felt seemed reasonable, would not negatively affect the city. Williams stated they are doing some testing of the zones (including Beltway Plaza as a sample) – to determine what secondary effects may result. He couldn't guarantee that the testing (of which they would be doing more) will expose all the issues.

### Taxes and Covenants

The county's concept is that zero-dollar change will result directly from the re-zoning. Roberts noted that when rezoning permits a higher density of housing, this may cause a change in the value of nearby properties. Councilmember Edward Putens wanted to make sure that zoning changes would not affect existing covenants. Williams assured both that there was nothing that would directly affect taxes or covenants – but Roberts noted that the parties to a covenant could elect to change it if a new zoning made it to their advantage to do so. He stated that rezoning could affect the assessment of property upwards, thereby affecting the taxes. Though it was pointed out that the increased value of the property would justify higher taxes at the next appraisal cycle, Roberts remarked that this was fine for people who wanted to take their profits and walk away, but did not contribute to the stability of a community.

### Publicity

The county will be mailing information to every resident and there will be public hearings. At

the end of the process, the same approximately 200,000 households will be informed of their zoning, also by mail. There will be an additional saturation mailing to organizations, such as local councils, that also contain this information. The planners are glad to come out and talk to groups to clarify the process in addition to the scheduled public hearings. Regional education sessions are scheduled for this November. Our nearest session is Thursday, November 7 at 6 p.m. at the College Park Airport Operations Center.

Development Activity applications are currently in process in Greenbelt. These include requests for:  
Greenbelt Town Center, described as a mixed use and multi-phase project consisting of 175 to 250 two-over-two and townhouse units; 875 to 1,150 multifamily dwelling units and 435,000 to 700,000 square feet of commercial use  
Greenbelt Metro, described as the consolidation of 3 lots into 1 parcel for development of 2 multi-family residential buildings and an amenity building.



## Greenbelt Pottery Hosts Empty Bowls

On Sunday, November 3 at 4:30 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. the Greenbelt Pottery Group, in partnership with the Greenbelt Community Church, is hosting an Empty Bowls fundraiser to raise money for Help-By-Phone. The dinner event will be held at the Greenbelt Community Church at 1 Hillside Road.

Those purchasing tickets will get a seat at a dinner of homemade soups and desserts and can choose an original beautiful ceramic bowl made by one of the many potters who work at the ceramic studios at the Community Center.

The Greenbelt Potters are once again raising money for Help-By-Phone, an organization that provides food to pantries and prescription medications and children's warm clothing to people in need.

Tickets can be purchased at the Greenbelt Community Church or by calling Judy Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755.

### Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday  
10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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# Cub Scouts Do Their Best To Clean Up Forest Preserve

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



PHOTO BY REBECCA OSSI

Damien Ossi (left) and Jude Ossi (Webelo) pick up trash.

Ranging in age from the smallest Lions (kindergarten) to Webelo Arrow of Light scouts (5th grade), Greenbelt Cub Scout Pack 202 and their families showed up in force to help clean up the Forest Preserve earlier this month.

On the first cool autumnal Saturday morning, October 5, Jason Martin, city environmental coordinator, provided grabbers and bags for recycling and trash, and led the young scouts into the forest. The scouts, parents and

volunteering siblings (some as young as 3) pulled over 30 bags of trash and recyclables – weighing a whopping estimated 500 pounds – from the area by noon.

Pack 202 has been serving the Greenbelt community for over 65 years. It seeks to give back to the community as well as instill the principles of leadership, service and a respect for nature in each generation of conscientious and socially-responsible young scouts.

Anna Bedford-Dillow is Wolf Leader of Pack 202.

PHOTO BY GLORIA BROWN

Joe Robbins, with Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society, helps to clean up Greenbelt Lake.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing at the Beltsville Farms

## A Tasty Slice of American Pie at Your Doorstep?

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5. Mix in noise from big rigs
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7. Cover up peace and quiet
8. Share with everyone in Greenbelt

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Election 2019

# Colin Byrd Is the Seventh Candidate to File for Council

Incumbent Colin Byrd is the seventh candidate for city council to submit a biography to this newspaper. His nomination forms have been certified by City Clerk Bonita Anderson. Candidates' biographies are prepared by the candidates and will be published as they are received by the paper.

## Colin Byrd

Colin Byrd is a lifelong Greenbelter. Growing up, he fell in love with everything Greenbelt – the parades, the theater, the Community Center, the pool, the parks, the library, the people and so much more.

Colin has served as a member of the city council since 2017. He is the council liaison to Green ACES, the environmental sustainability advisory committee. He is also a member of the PGCMa's Legislative Committee and the city's alternate member on the MWCOC Transportation Planning Board. Colin is also the second African American ever elected to the Greenbelt City Council, a member of the Urban League and the youngest ever regional director for the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials.

In his day job, Colin is the chief of staff for Maryland State Delegate Julian Ivey.

Colin is a committed progressive Democrat. He served as a delegate to the 2016 Democratic National Convention and is a longtime member of Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club and the Maryland Democratic Party's Diversity Leadership Council.

Colin is an alumnus of the University of Maryland, College Park where he studied sociology, was inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the OMSE Academic Excellence Society, and was a research assistant in the fields of psychology, economics and public health. He was also Mr. Black Student Union, and he won several accolades, including the James Otis Williams Award for Cultural Leadership and the MICA Award for Champion of Diversity.

Colin is also a newly, minted alumnus of the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance fellowship program, and he regularly attends workshops and conferences to learn new things about how to better serve Greenbelters.

Colin has made TV appearances on NBC4, Fox 5, ABC7, News Channel 8, and WUSA9, and his career has included stints as an environmental policy advocate for Environment Maryland, a business development associate for a security consulting firm, and a union organizer for the Service Employees International Union.

Colin's hobbies include basketball, ping pong, (watching) football, tennis, playing the piano and the arts in general.



Colin Byrd

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during the campaign for Greenbelt City Council, and had fed a lot of speculation “mostly on social media,” he added. Jordan emphasized the point, saying that “the speculation about my consideration as a candidate for Delegate was premature.”

Jordan said that the entire process of filling a vacant seat is “very political,” emphasizing that the process is involved and requires advance preparation. On Sunday, October 13, the Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee (PGCDCC) issued a press release saying that it will convene a public hearing to receive testimony and solicit nominations to fill the District 22 vacancy created by the October 4 resignation of Gaines. The release states that the meeting will be on Tuesday, October 29 at 7 p.m. at the Maryland-National Capital

Park and Planning Commission Administration Building at 6600 Kenilworth Avenue in Riverdale. The release spells out the process as set down in the PGCDCC Constitution that in case of a legislative vacancy “the Governor shall appoint a person to fill such vacancy from a person whose name shall be submitted to him/her in writing within 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, by the PGCDCC from the legislative district from which the Delegate or Senator was appointed or elected, provided that the appointee shall be a member of the Democratic Party in the legislative district at the time of the last election or appointment of the vacating Delegate or Senator. It shall be the duty of the Governor to make said appointment within fifteen days after the submission thereof to him/her.”

## Mayor Jordan Reiterates his Commitment To Continue Running for Council

In the context of the vacancy in the state legislature caused by the recent resignation of Tawanna Gaines, a Washington Post story on Sunday, October 13, reported that Mayor Emmett Jordan was potentially on the list of three names to be put forward by the state Democratic party to fill the seat (the choice is made from these names by the governor). At the October 15 council meeting, Jordan played down the report, noting that he had spoken with a Post reporter, but characterizing any assertion that he had been selected as ‘rumor.’ He affirmed that he is “committed to the city and not anticipating leaving the council.”

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# How to Build Civic Participation: Council Candidates Respond

Each week of October, the News Review will publish the answers to questions posed by the paper. This week's question is: How would you increase civic participation in city government? The answers are listed randomly. Again, not all of the candidates provided answers.

Next week's question is: Greenbelt currently has one of the highest municipal tax rates in the area. As additional expenditures may be required, how should council balance the desire to maintain or increase programs and services against the need to keep taxes at an affordable level? We ask candidates to submit their answers to the News Review offices by 8 p.m. on Monday, October 21, preferably by email to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com. We will limit answers to 250 words.

### Leta Mach

There are many ways to increase civic participation. However, participation first starts with a sense of belonging, which I hope to foster by meeting citizens and asking for their thoughts and opinions.

We must help people meet, share their lives, respect and help their neighbors. We should foster these connections and prevent obstacles by implementing more of the pedestrian and bicycle master plan. We can foster civic participation by providing information through the city website, social media, a regular city newsletter and the News Review.

To help citizens learn about their city, we can also improve the filming of council meetings wherever council meets. And, we should continue the practice of holding council, advisory board and informational meetings in all areas of the city.

I feel the most productive and important thing to do is seeing that all Greenbelt children can attend Greenbelt schools. Friendships among young people spread to parents and continue into adulthood. Most important, through connections in their school, people will learn that they are members of the Greenbelt community.

There are other ways we can make connections that lead to increased civic participation. These include signage in all three areas of the city, recreation programs and festivals throughout the city. I would also highlight and promote programs and organizations that bring us together such as the programming at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

I do not support counterproductive ideas that divide us such as creating electoral districts. I feel councilmembers should represent all Greenbelt residents.

### Bill Orleans

While I do not believe Greenbelt residents should require incentives to attend council meetings, maybe if council managed its time better, our time would not be wasted. One suggestion, that coffee, milk and cookies be provided to all attending was dismissed years ago as silly. Is it?

Incumbent council's disposition for its own, unique right to speak (endlessly!) at meetings should change. Council's only right and responsibility is to vote on questions before it.

All of us in Greenbelt have inherited a norm for how a council meeting is to proceed. This is just the norm we know. I prefer a different norm, a town meeting type common in New England and elsewhere and used also in labor unions and locally in meetings of the Co-op, the credit union, and other membership organizations.

Except for the necessities, the agenda would be adopted with the participation of all present. Planned presentations would be open to all residents with an in-

terest in community conversation and not restricted to the interests just of council or city management.

Council should initiate a committee open to all in town interested in considering change to our charter to really make Greenbelt more inclusive and improve our democratic practice. Among other considerations: the size of council; electing by council district; electing the mayor separately; allowing the recall of mayor and council; conducting a special election to fill a vacancy; and reducing the term to one year instead of two, or the four years incumbent council wants.

### Ed Putens

Once again, I invited residents to participate and provide their input to the question as it impacts them.

Resident comments:

Greenbelt East: “City management officials should be more visible, reach out on a regular basis with community leaders in all parts of the city.”

Greenbelt Center: “I think the city is doing a good job. Everyone is busy.”

Greenbelt West: “We're new in Greenbelt and just learning about the city. We're frustrated that things aren't moving quickly.”

This is not just a local issue, it's a national issue. Most community organizations have suffered from declining participation over recent years (Boys and Girls Clubs, Rotary Club, Scouts, even

volunteer firefighters).

Why? People working longer hours and fighting traffic leaving less time for other interests. Online media/blogs give people a sense of information/community/belonging/without needing to attend meetings; people moving frequently, no sense of belonging; kids involved in activities, less time for parents to get involved in civic activities; youth club sports requiring weekend travel.

We encourage residents to get involved by volunteering for boards and committees. We advertise scheduled meetings and recreational and special events in all parts of the city. When there is a critical issue, such as the maglev, we do hear from our constituents in the co-op, gas stations, post office, or waiting in lines in stores and in our local restaurants.

Our staff is dedicated to informing all residents of upcoming events through various media sources, and we continue to reach out for residents' feedback.

### Emmett Jordan

There is a plaque beside the stairs leading into the Municipal Building that reads in part... “The real power lies in the majority of the Community” – James Madison.

While civic participation in city government was almost a requirement for the residents who were selected to move here in

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## Artful Afternoon



Members of alight dance theater perform Faerie, joined by community members, at the Artful Afternoon on Sunday, October 6.

- Photos by Anne Gardner



## Reel and Meal Asks How to Ban the Bomb

On Monday, October 21, the Reel and Meal event at the New Deal Café will feature The Beginning of the End of Nuclear Weapons, a documentary focused on how over 120 nations came to agree on the 1971 UN Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons. It includes background on the development of the atomic bomb, the impact of its use on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and progress over decades of anti-nuclear activism and diplomacy. The free show begins at 7 p.m. An optional vegan buffet will be served from 6:30 p.m. for a fee.

This June 2019 documentary is a collaboration of Spaniard Alvaro Orús, a maker of films on nonviolence, and Briton Tony Robinson, co-director of Presenza International Press Agency, a partner of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, which won the Nobel Peace Prize for promoting the ban treaty. The film's title refers to the Nobel Laureate speech made by Hiroshima survivor Setsuko Thurlow.

Discussion after the screening will cover how local citizens can participate in the current U.S. Back from the Brink campaign for federal policy changes to help prevent nuclear war. The discussion leader will be Dr. Gwen DuBois, president of Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility and board member of national PSR, citizen lobbyist at the UN Preparatory meetings for the UN Nuclear Ban Treaty 2017 and co-founder of Prevent Nuclear War Maryland.

The Reel and Meal monthly series highlights social and environmental concerns of local progressive groups. This program is planned by Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition; for details contact justpeacepg@earthlink.net. Other sponsors are Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking and Utopia Film Festival.

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1937, we are living in very different times.

Many Greenbelters spend an hour or more commuting to and from their jobs in the region. Families struggle with spending quality time with one another.

I think the city can do more to make participation accessible. We need to try to shape opportunities for participation to the convenience and needs of residents.

For example, while fewer people make a habit of attending council meetings and worksessions in person on a regular basis, I think more people watch meetings from home when there's an issue that affects them. I think it is very important for all meetings to be broadcast and preserved so that people can follow at their leisure. I am advocating for meetings to be captioned in Spanish.

I have advocated for this and we have made some progress, but the quality of the broadcasts must be improved so that the sound is audible and the meeting materials are always available and easy to find on the city website.

Also, I have advocated for moving meetings around to locations throughout the city. We do this more often, but we need to find better ways to publicize these locations well in advance.

**Judith Davis**  
Increasing civic participation

requires improvements in outreach, accessibility, transportation, communication and motivation. The city already has accomplished a great deal, such as expanding social media, enabling 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in city elections, distributing welcome bags to new residents, and requiring event signage to be posted in all three areas of Greenbelt. More can be done.

Making it easier for citizens to get to events and meetings has long been a council goal. A circulator bus was studied several years ago-let's revisit that concept. Better publicity of existing forms of public transportation and expanding safe bike lanes would help.

Council could hold more worksessions, especially budget work sessions, in all areas of the city. All meetings can be closed-captioned and can be broadcast live or taped. Town hall meetings in each of the three Greenbelt areas could be held once a year. Key staff members and council would be there to address issues. Citywide broadband should be explored. Wifi should be available in all city facilities. Our volunteer coordinator should continue to recruit people from all over the city.

The city should continue its support for the News Review and encourage its distribution throughout the city. A city ques-

tionnaire/survey could be made available online annually. Visioning exercises should be held on a more regular basis.

As a councilmember, I will continue to attend city and civic events to reach out, listen and encourage our citizens, especially our youth, to participate and volunteer.

## GHI To Host Council Candidate Forum

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) will host and facilitate a candidate forum for candidates running for Greenbelt City Council on Thursday, October 24, from 7 to 10 p.m. The forum will be held in the city council chambers of the Municipal Building and will be available for viewing live on the city's cable channel.

GHI Board of Directors President Steve Skolnik will facilitate the event. To have a question included for discussion by the candidates for city council, email it to him at [president@ghi.coop](mailto:president@ghi.coop). There will also be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions of the candidates, as time allows.

Light snacks will be available at the event. It is GHI's hope that the candidate forum will provide an opportunity to hear each candidate's priorities for Greenbelt's future.

- Carol Griffith

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## Building on the Spirit of Greenbelt... and Expanding the Possibilities

### Dear Greenbelt Citizens:

I'm Leta Mach and I am running for re-election to City Council. I appreciate hearing from you. Below are the responses to my survey that I have received. I hope to work on these issues and opportunities in the coming Council term. If you have not had a chance to respond, please do so. Thank you.

#### 1. The biggest issue facing us is ...

Defeating MAGLEV; Sustainability; Traffic, Affordable Housing; National, state & local debt; Connecting with Franklin Park residents, minorities & immigrants; Climate change; attracting families of all ages

#### 2. Other issues include ...

Eliminating pesticide use, installing level 2 car charging station; Crime & infrastructure; Supporting the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum in creating the visitor and education center; Transparency about police involvement with ICE; Rising real estate taxes

#### 3. A great opportunity is ...

Supporting local Roosevelt Center businesses; Clean energy such as the Co-op Rays Roof; Greenbelt Metro Station development; Holding more work sessions at Springhill Lake Recreation Center; Installing PV panel systems on city buildings; Keeping Roosevelt Center a lively & safe commercial center

#### 4. What do you think about the services the city provides?

Very grateful especially CARES; Very good; Excellent; Excellent; Excellent; Mainly excellent; Excellent; Need to support the University of Maryland bus shuttle

#### 5. Are there any you feel are unnecessary?

No; Perhaps too many police; All are necessary; No; Perhaps some positions; No

#### 6. Any that are missing?

Not at this time; No; Coherent website; Not to my knowledge

#### 7. Other thoughts/comments ...

Thank you; Good people help make life good for everyone; Appreciate senior services; High taxes, but the services are worth it; Would like more ornamental plants and cleaning of the statue; Our snow removal services are the best in the metro area – we are so fortunate

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# Remembering Women’s Studies Pioneer, Virginia Beauchamp

by Michelle Siegel

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Several dozen people gathered at the University of Maryland’s Memorial Chapel on September 28 in remembrance of the late Dr. Virginia Walcott Beauchamp, professor emerita and the first coordinator of women’s studies at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Virginia died at the age of 98 on February 10. This service was not about mourning her loss, but rather, recognizing her contributions to the community and celebrating her life.

Edith Beauchamp, Virginia’s daughter, spoke about Virginia’s life and how the trials she endured influenced her feminist values.

Virginia was born on a dairy farm in Michigan on June 28, 1920, less than two months before the country ratified the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution – the amendment granting women the right to vote.

As a young adult, Virginia earned a Bachelor of Arts and numerous honors at the University of Michigan, taught in public schools and enlisted in the Red Cross. After serving abroad between 1945 and 1947, she returned to the University of Michigan to earn a Master of Arts with top honors in English and began teaching once more. She earned a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago’s prestigious English program in 1955.

Virginia met her husband, George Beauchamp Jr., during her time at the University of Chicago. The two owned a house in Greenbelt and had three children: Edith, George and John.

Shortly after the Beauchamp family moved into their Greenbelt home, Virginia began serving at the Greenbelt News Review.

“Virginia held every editorial position on the staff. She copy-edited others’ work to be cleaner and more correct, she reported city council meetings and the Greenbelt Museum lectures, she wrote editorials and participated in the decisions on whether to publish a letter to the editor. For most years, Virginia was also a member of the editorial board and the board of directors,” said Greenbelt News Review editor emerita Mary Lou Williamson, who was originally recruited for the paper by Virginia in 1962. “Virginia ... and others were the team dedicated to maintaining the high standards of the News Review over the decades.”

When Virginia’s husband was deployed to deal with the Berlin Crisis, his earnings decreased, leaving her struggling to provide for their children.

“That’s when mom, in desperation for a way to pay her mortgage, showed up at the University of Maryland,” Edith said.

Virginia, who then stood at the top of her Ph.D. class and had two decades of teaching experience (including some at the college level), convinced the University of Maryland, College Park to take her on as an instructor in 1961.

George Beauchamp Jr. eventually reunited with his loved ones, and in 1963, the Beauchamp family moved to Lagos, Nigeria,



PHOTO BY MICHELLE SIEGEL

**Greenbelt resident Edith Beauchamp (left) speaks about her mother, the late Dr. Virginia Beauchamp, as Washington Ethical Society Senior Leader Amanda Poppei looks on.**

where Virginia helped found the American International School of Lagos.

To avoid the civil war that appeared to be brewing in Nigeria, Virginia and family returned to Greenbelt in 1965. Only a few months after they closed on a house, however, her husband announced he was being deployed to Vietnam.

Virginia “had no say in the military decision once again – and once again, the pressure of paying for a mortgage and supporting three kids as a single mom was on her,” Edith said. “My mother was unflappable. She was always calm and even-tempered – but those three years took an incredible toll on her emotionally, and the three of us [children] as well.”

Out of economic necessity, Virginia returned to the University of Maryland.

This time, in part due to the work she’d done in Nigeria, the English department reluctantly granted her the title Assistant Professor and put her on a tenure track. However, she was still faced with inequality.

“They kept arguing that she didn’t need the comparable pay to her male colleagues, because she had a husband,” Edith said. “She would fume at home about this, because she was married in name only with him halfway around the world – so even at my age, the inequity and economic unfairness that she felt was not lost on me.”

It was at the University of Maryland that Virginia came to know Dr. William Kirwan, who also spoke about Virginia at the service. Now chancellor emeritus of the University System of Maryland, Kirwan – originally of the mathematics department – served as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs starting in 1981, as president of the University of Maryland from 1989 to 1998 and as chancellor of the University System of Maryland from 2002 to 2015.

“Virginia dedicated her life to giving a voice to the accomplishments of women and to the challenges they have faced in a male-dominated world,” Kirwan said. “This is reflected in her scholarship, where she’s pored through documents and other source materials of women living in the 19th and early 20th centuries, to document the travails of their daily lives – which, sadly,

she found, were too often peppered by abusive men.”

“But without a doubt,” Kirwan continued, “her greatest contribution to the university was her career-long efforts to transform the culture of the university and make it an institution that is supportive of women.”

When Virginia began teaching at the University of Maryland, women still received unequal pay, and it was difficult and uncommon for women to advance their careers to full professorship or tenure as did their male colleagues. The inequity inspired Virginia to establish a meeting at which faculty from across the University of Maryland could share their grievances.

When Dr. Charles Bishop, the chancellor of the University of Maryland from 1970 to 1974, heard about this meeting, he established the Commission on Women’s Affairs and appointed Virginia as its chair. The Commission on Women’s Affairs took up issues such as the salary gap, campus safety for women and

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## St. Hugh's Oktoberfest



**Guests join in the dancing at St. Hugh's annual Oktoberfest on October 12.**

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**Event cashiers Vicki Focht and Betty Triplett**

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### Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance

Celebrate Co-op Month 2019 in Greenbelt

Co-op Month will be celebrated throughout October with a GCA banner strung across some Greenbelt roads, a display in the Greenbelt Library, Co-op trivia slides shown in the Old Greenbelt Theatre, interviews with local co-ops aired by GATE and articles and event calendar in this paper.

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1pm Coop interviews on GATe Channels (GCA)

**Thursday October 17**  
International Credit Union Day, Refreshments in the lobby (GFCU)

**Friday October 18**  
4-7 pm Co-op Beer & Co-op Wine Tasting 4-7 (GCS&P)

**Saturday October 19**  
9 am – noon Shredding Day (GFCU)  
10am-4 pm Repair Café in Community Center (GMS)

**Sunday October 20**  
2-4 p.m. Annual Meeting (GNR)

**Thursday October 24**  
9 am-9 pm One Day Meat Sale (GCS&P)

**Friday October 25**  
4-7 pm Members Favorite Wine Tasting (GCS&P)

**Thursday October 31**  
10:30 – 11:30 am Radio Show (NDC)

Abbreviations:  
(GCA) Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance;  
(GCS&P) Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy;  
(GFCU) Greenbelt Federal Credit Union;  
(GHI) Greenbelt Homes Inc.  
(GMS) Greenbelt Maker Space;  
(GNS) Greenbelt Nursery School;  
(GNR) Greenbelt News Review;  
(NDC) New Deal Café.



# Suicide Awareness Program Offers Ideas on How to Help

by Fatemeh Paryavi

Students and panelists took a minute to compose themselves and some wiped their tears as the screening of *The S Word*, in honor of the University of Maryland's Mental Health Awareness Week, came to an end.

The film, *The S Word*, is based on a real-life suicide survivor's story and tells of her journey telling the stories of other survivors. She talks to the survivors and later photographs them by instructing them to look straight in the camera so that she can see their soul in the photograph.

The screening, held Monday, October 7, kicked off the start of the University's Mental Health Awareness Week with a panel discussion with the co-sponsors of the event and was attended by about 35 panelists, alumni and students.

Taylor C. Cole, a panelist and alumna of the university, represented Choice Clinical Services, a Greenbelt-based counseling service that co-sponsored the event.

She said that although she had hoped more people would have attended the event, she was grateful for everyone who did. She continued that it takes strength and bravery to reach out.

"Go talk to somebody," Cole continued, "don't let the pain stay inside, by yourself."

Other co-sponsors of the event were the Michael D. Maxwell Foundation, a Greenbelt-based nonprofit that promotes suicide awareness, the Alumni Chapter Board of the College of Behavioral Social Sciences, Department of Resident Life at the university, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and the The Joshua York Legacy Foundation.

Emily Wayson, a mechanical engineering freshman at the university, said prior to the screening that she wanted to learn more about the issue "and figure out how I can just help other people by being a resource and advocate."

Later, she added that she thought the film was very powerful and that it "highlighted the idea that anyone, no matter what age, or how happy they looked on the outside, could be struggling with suicidal thoughts."

"An important takeaway for me was the power of checking in and being there for people, because that could change some-



Panel discussion of the *S Word* screening

one's life for the better," she added.

Teresa Maxwell, founder of the Michael D. Maxwell Foundation, said she had been planning the screening for about a year.

Since her son died by suicide in 2016, she and her husband have been running the foundation with the motto "If we can save just one."

After the screening, she wiped away tears and said, "It's emotionally draining, but knowing that the people that came out and took the time to come here, it's rewarding."

"Every day, I mean ... we walk the streets looking for donations and stuff and it's emotionally draining because you gotta tell your story over and over and over again; but at the end of the day, getting the word out, and knowing it just impacted one person, it's well worth it," she added.

The screening and discussions were geared toward destigmatizing the word suicide and creating a safe space where people could feel comfortable reaching out.

"A lot of people, when you bring up the word suicide, relate it to crazy. So a lot of people take that as, well if I tell them that they died of suicide, they're gonna think they were crazy," said Maxwell. "But the older generation, that's how they portray it, they didn't talk about depression, they didn't talk about suicide."

"You gotta break the stigma and talk about it – and nobody wants to do that," said Maxwell.

Maxwell along with the panelists encourage reaching out, whether to friends, family or therapists.

## Co-op Month Key Co-op Characteristics: Autonomy/Community Care

by Leta Mach

*This is the last of three articles to be published in honor of National Cooperative Month.*

Democratic Member Control & Autonomy and Independence is the principle that is closely linked to the principle of Democratic Control. Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. As such, they hold annual meetings and elect a board of directors to set policy. The Greenbelt News Review and the Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy hold annual meetings in the fall and they both have seven board members. The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI), the New Deal Café, MakerSpace Cooperative and the Greenbelt Nursery School hold their annual meetings in the spring. The credit union has seven board members plus three credit committee members who are elected. GHI members elect nine board members, three audit committee members and five nominations and elections committee members. The nursery school board is comprised of seven committee chairpersons, four elected executive members and the schools' director and administrator. Many co-ops, such as GHI, the Greenbelt Nursery School, the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union and the Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy, hire managers to run the day-to-day of the co-op.

Greenbelt cooperatives also strongly support Concern for the Community. The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union annually sponsors two shredding days, collects school supplies and provides financing for co-op housing. The Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy offers free space to the Greenbelt Elementary School for the collection of books prior to the Labor Day Festival and to other nonprofit groups for fundraisers. Members of the Greenbelt Nursery School find that they build lifelong friendships that build their community. The New Deal Café has instituted many environmentally sustainable practices and provides a gathering place for many groups. MakerSpace Cooperative engages people in activities related to science, technology and arts and crafts. GHI committees are focused on many community issues and the Greenbelt News Review provides information on civic and community organizations' news and events, and is an outlet for divergent views in its Letters to the Editor.

Cooperatives build a better world by providing their member/owners a variety of services and giving their member/owners a say in how the business is operated. Many surveys have shown that people trust cooperatives and prefer to do business with cooperatives because of their values and principles. These are the values and principles under which Greenbelt's many cooperatives also operate.

"The most important thing is listening and empathizing with that person," wrote Wayson. She said that the movie was more about spreading awareness of the issue and working to end the taboo around its discussion.

"I think it would affect someone who was going through the same struggles in a positive way because it would show them that they are not alone, and that there is a way out of the dark place they are in, as well as resources and people who are willing to listen and help," she added.

### Co-op Seeks Board Candidates

Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (GCC) is seeking candidates willing to run for election to its Board of Directors. The election will occur at the Co-op's annual meeting on Saturday, November 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room (second floor) of the Community Center.

Two board members will be elected to serve three-year terms. Incumbent Amy Drew, who was appointed to the board, is running for election. Members interested in serving as directors are asked to contact the Nominations and Elections Committee: Donna Peterson at 301-452-2158 or Joe Timer at 301-474-6775. Nomination forms are available at the Co-op's service office.

To be considered, a member must: (1) have a minimum of \$100 in their member capital account and (2) submit both a brief biography and the completed nomination form by Monday, October 21. GCC does not accept nominations at the annual meeting.



Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance's lifesize Eleanor Roosevelt oversees the display in the Library lower level.

### Cool Creepy Critters At Patuxent Refuge

On Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Patuxent Research Refuge offers a family fun program on Creepy Critters. Owls, bats and spiders are everywhere at Halloween, but they're not creepy – they're cool! This is a drop-in program: come and leave when ready. This program is for all ages and no registration is needed.

On the same dates from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the Patuxent Research Refuge also offers Creepy Critters night hikes for all ages. Nocturnal animals don't go bump in the night. They know exactly what they are doing. For more information visit [fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent](https://fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent).

### Co-op Launches Survey

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative is launching a survey hoping to get feedback from Co-op shoppers and community members about their buying habits. Information gathered will help the Co-op better understand customer needs as well as plan for the future.

The brief questionnaire covers such topics as store and pharmacy hours, desired products or services and reasons why one shops at the Co-op. The survey is available online at [surveymonkey.com/r/TL79LFP](https://surveymonkey.com/r/TL79LFP) and should take about six minutes to complete. Hard copies will be available at the end of the cash registers and can be turned in at the customer service office.

- Jill Stevenson

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# Progressive Committee Identifies Questions for Council Candidates

by Kaitlyn Cupelli

The Progressive Candidate Forum Committee met at the New Deal Café on Thursday, October 10, to discuss low voter turnout for Greenbelt city council elections, the lack of coverage on progressive issues and the disconnect felt between different parts of Greenbelt.

The committee planned a well-attended Candidate Forum for a Progressive Greenbelt in 2017. However, this year they have opted to use a more focused set of four questions (see box) for the candidates to answer to be shared with progressive coalition members and the entire Greenbelt community.

Low voter turnout among residents was clearly a hot topic for the night and something that the committee felt strongly about. Out of the roughly 23,000 residents in Greenbelt, there were a total of 2,569 voters in the 2017 council election.

“We only have a small number of people participating in the process. That means decisions are being made without the input of all the people who live here,” Aileen Kroll, of the Center for Dynamic Community Governance (CDCG), said.

Reasons given for this low voter turnout include council elections being held in odd years, as well as an overall disconnect that people may have with the city as a whole.

As an example, Kroll cited data gathered when the CDCG received a one-year grant to work with the people of Greenbriar. She spoke to people who had lived in Greenbelt for over 30 years, yet had no idea what was going on in central Greenbelt.

In order to break down these barriers, the people of Greenbriar asked for the city to provide a bus and a tour guide to show them around central Greenbelt. The city agreed and was very responsive to the request being made.

Kroll believes that projects such as the one in Greenbriar help people feel more connected and engaged with Greenbelt. These same people are now able to visit and volunteer at places such as the New Deal Café and the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

“If you want more people to vote, you have to make them feel like this is their commu-

nity. We’re asking city council to be a part of that discussion in meaningful, concrete ways,” Kroll said.

The candidates said the questions they were asked are important because they requested specific answers to problems, as well as ways to bring Greenbelt together.

Katie Pugliese of the Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREA) said she first joined GREA because she wanted a way to be involved with the police department.

“I wanted to make sure to be involved with our police department. To make sure they were being held accountable. You can’t hold people responsible unless there’s transparency,” Pugliese said.

Trent Leon-Lierman, of CASA de Maryland said that rent control is the only all-encompassing way to support the community in gaining affordable housing. He also spoke about some of the

harsh realities that Greenbelt residents may have to face in terms of housing.

“People are having to work side jobs. We have people living in two-bedroom apartments, renting out one of the bedrooms to families so that they can afford it,” Leon-Lierman said. “We also see an increase in conditions worsening, as a result of the physical population of apartments and an overall lack of keeping up with the apartment complexes.”

Overall, the candidates believe it’s crucial for councilmembers to represent all of Greenbelt and to have discussions about all of the issues that residents may be facing.

“Greenbelt is an awesome community,” Kroll said. “And the things we’re talking about are to make it more so. There’s so much good here and we want to make sure we maximize on the good, as well as address that which can be better.”

# Goldberg-Strassler Named Sports Broadcaster of the Year

by Fatemeh Paryavi



Jesse Goldberg-Strassler, 2019 MiLB Broadcaster of the Year

Jesse Goldberg-Strassler, former Greenbelter and broadcaster of Lansing Lugnuts, received the 2019 Broadcaster of the Year award.

Goldberg-Strassler is the author of The Baseball Thesaurus and The Football Thesaurus and the award winner of the 2013 Midwest League Broadcaster award.

In 2004, Goldberg-Strassler interviewed for several teams at the winter meetings and was hired as a pre-game/post-game operator

for the Brockton Rox in the Can-Am League. Since 2009, he has been at Lansing Lugnuts, according to an article by Jarah Wright.

Dan Shulman, ESPN/Sportsnet, comments on Goldberg-Strassler’s website that “Jesse is a pleasure to listen to. His love for baseball and for calling a game comes across in his work. He is as easy to get along with as he is to listen to. Combine that with all the young broadcasters he has mentored over the years, and Jesse brings a lot to our industry.”

### Progressive Candidate Forum Questions

Here are the four questions submitted to candidates for Greenbelt City Council from the Progressive Candidate Forum Committee. Candidate responses are due back by noon on Saturday, October 19.

**Questions:**

- Our great city has a wonderful history of being progressively green, but much of the resources and projects have focused on historic Greenbelt. Specifically, how would you identify, focus attention, and commit resources to ensure the inclusion of East and West Greenbelt in future green projects? Would you be in support of a Greenbelt-only shuttle or circulator that uses electric or hybrid mini-buses or vans?
- Affordable housing is an issue in Greenbelt. Takoma Park has a rent stabilization policy designed to preserve the city’s affordable housing stock and maintain economic and ethnic diversity by controlling the frequency and amount of rent increases that may be imposed by a landlord. Do you support a rent control policy to keep rent more affordable in Greenbelt? Why or why not?
- The recent police shooting and killing of Leonard Shand in Hyattsville raises concerns about police accountability and transparency. These concerns extend to community interest in and questioning of police department policies around rules of engagement, use of force, requirements for de-escalation, use of military-style equipment, chain-of-command protocol when more than one jurisdiction is responding, and on-scene use of mental health professionals. What specific actions and policy changes do you propose to ensure accountability and transparency within the Greenbelt Police Department?
- For a democracy to thrive, citizens must be actively engaged. Both paltry voting numbers for city council and small attendance at council meetings suggest that important governance issues are being decided by a minority of Greenbelters. What specific steps do you plan to take to increase the involvement of Greenbelters in all sectors of the city in matters that directly affect their lives, health, well-being and pocketbooks?



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support for women in science and engineering, among other women's issues.

A few years later, Virginia spearheaded a women's studies program at the University of Maryland.

"One of the first such programs is now a distinguished academic department, and one of the nation's top women's studies programs," Kirwan said.

Kirwan met Virginia when he became the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs in 1981.

During the service, he spoke with admiration on how Virginia changed the institution not through hot-headed demands, but rather "through the power of her intellect, her unflappable ability to speak truth to power, her persistence and, ultimately, her ability to get others to see the righteousness of her cause."

When Kirwan became the president of the University of Maryland, he appointed Virginia to be the president's special assistant on women's affairs. Together, they studied and allocated funds for pay equity, recruited more senior women faculty and administrators and began arrangements to provide child-care support for working mothers and families.

"Virginia still growing and pioneering efforts to build a more supportive culture for women at the university resulted in almost universal admiration and adulation," Kirwan said.

Virginia retired from the

University of Maryland, College Park in 1990. At home in Greenbelt, she had participated in the Greenbelt Nursery School, helped establish women's groups and senior housing in Greenbelt and later, helped Edith, a single mother, raise her two adopted children. She also continued to work for the Greenbelt News Review and published her last book at the age of 85.

"Today, we see women [at the University of Maryland] in many major leadership roles – the provost, two vice presidents, deans, chairman of the campus center, distinguished university professors," Kirwan said. "As much as any other person that I know, Virginia was responsible for launching the changes in institutional culture that has made the university a more equitable place for women."

The Virginia W. Beauchamp Scholarship Fund will provide need-based scholarships for graduate students in the Department of Women's Studies at the University of Maryland. Friends and admirers of Beauchamp can make a tax-deductible contribution to the scholarship by writing a check to the University of Maryland College Park Foundation, with Virginia W. Beauchamp Scholarship in the memo line. The mailing address is 4603 Calvert Road, College Park, MD 20740. Online payment may be made at [go.umd.edu/vwbfund](http://go.umd.edu/vwbfund).



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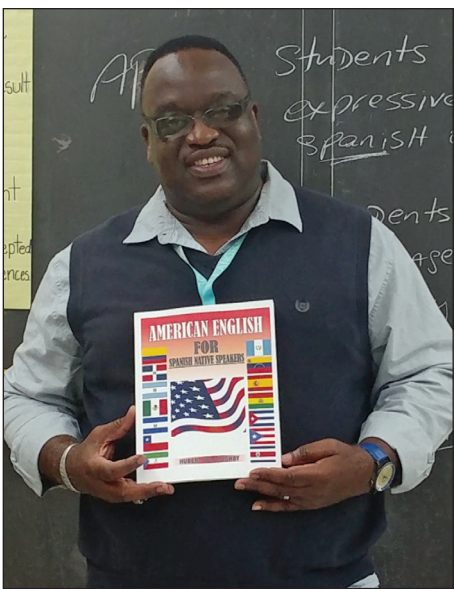
has been tremendous and he praised the staff and students. This past June, in his role as AP Spanish instructor, the Spanish department achieved the highest passing grade percentage on the AP test of the entire ERHS World Language department. Of 34 students, 30 passed the AP test and 14 received a score of 5, the highest possible score.

He has traveled with ERHS students to Spain, Portugal and Peru, and plans to make trips to Costa Rica next spring and Panama in the summer. Even though Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) does not cover the cost for teachers for overseas trips, teachers can often receive discounts from some of the tour companies hired.

Willoughby has taught English as a second language (ESL) and Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) at Howard Community College (HCC) since 2000. "While at Howard," he said, "I used themes and strategies from the book even before the book was written." They proved successful, which encouraged him to write the book.

HCC has purchased several copies of his book as a resource for their ESL program. Willoughby was asked to do a workshop for his ESL colleagues there in readiness for the spring semester.

He said, "My hope is not only to get PGCPS to adopt or use this book as part of their teaching resources for our ESL population



Hubert Willoughby poses with the textbook he wrote.

years, he spent 1999-2000 at Frederick Douglass High School in Upper Marlboro before joining the staff at ERHS. In 2007, he became the first African American male teacher in PGCPS to be National Board Certified from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards. The license is recognized nationwide. Willoughby stated that the process is rigorous and costly (the fee is \$2,500) and likens it to the bar exam, as it is the highest distinction in the teaching profession.

The fact that Spanish is the world's second most widely spoken language (after Chinese) fueled his desire to write the book. He added that native Spanish speakers are the largest minority in the U.S.

American English for Spanish Speakers by Hubert Willoughby is independently published. It is available for purchase on Amazon.



Notice of the Annual Membership Meeting of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in the Gymnasium (1st floor) of the Greenbelt Community Center. Light refreshments will be served.

- The agenda includes:
- Reports by the Treasurer and the General Manager.
  - Report on Co-op 2.0
  - Report on Rays on the Roof project
  - Election of two members to the Board of Directors
  - One incumbent-- Amy Drew who was appointed to the Board—is running for election.
  - The terms of the remaining directors— Barbara Ford, Linda Ivy, Bill Jones, Donna Peterson and Joe Timer have not expired.
  - Presentation of the Jim Cassels' Community Service Award to this year's recipient.

According to the Co-op's by-laws, 25 members constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, those present can schedule another meeting, which can proceed even in the absence of a quorum.

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# Rafael's Race Raises Funds For Field Trips and Sunshine

by Laura Franklin

Skies were clear and spirits were high as the Greenbelt community joined together on Saturday, October 12 at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) for Rafael's Race.

The annual 1K fun run and 5K run are held in honor of Rafael Martins, a former student at Greenbelt Elementary School. Martins was born with a rare disease called VATER syndrome and died on October 20, 2009, when he was in the 4th grade. The run is held by the GES PTA.

The race began with the 1K fun run at 8:40 a.m. Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmember Judith Davis sent the runners off from the starting line in the GES parking lot. Among the runners were a pair of inflatable T-Rexes, who earned laughs from participants as they ran the 0.6-mile course.

Runners who participated in the 5K began at GES, and then made their way through the surrounding neighborhood and around Greenbelt Lake.

The proceeds from the race are used to help GES students attend field trips. A portion of the funds is also given to Camp Sunshine, a summer retreat for families and kids who suffer from childhood illnesses.



PHOTO BY MARINES MARTINS

High school volunteers, from left, Bela (Rafael's sister), Ashley and Amanda help out at the race.



PHOTO BY MEGAN PLYLER

A young runner hugs Ron and Heath Opperman in their dinosaur costumes.



PHOTO BY CLARA LONGO DE FREITAS

Lucas Martins (Rafael's younger brother) poses with Heath Opperman, age 8, in a dinosaur costume.



PHOTO BY LENA MARSHAK

Rafael's parents, Marines and Vanderlei Martins, flank runner Sasha Marshak.

## News Review Travels



PHOTO BY LIVIA EDWARDS

On Friday, October 11, Mary Murchison-Edwards visits the Pigeon Point Light Station (also known as the Pigeon Point Lighthouse). Built in 1871 it is located on the coastal highway (State Route 1) 5 miles south of Pescadero, Calif. She made sure to take a copy of the Greenbelt News Review (dated 9/19/2019) with her.



PHOTO BY DIANE OBERG

Buddy watches over his toy prey and his News Review.

## Help Red Wigglers At the New Deal Café

A group of volunteers helps the New Deal Café recycle their food scraps – an average of 430 pounds a month! The work involves carrying buckets of food scraps, learning about and helping with composting and with feeding the “red wigglers” who live in three big round worm wigwams on the back deck of the Café.

Red wigglers are a special breed of worm, *Eisenia fetida*, who eat food scraps and produce a highly-valued, rich compost. Anyone who likes the idea of keeping food scraps from the landfill – where they produce methane, one of the worst greenhouse gases – and is interested in learning more about composting is encouraged to participate.

Learn about hot composting and about how to feed the New Deal Café's red wigglers. Email [NewDealWigglers@gmail.com](mailto:NewDealWigglers@gmail.com) to be shown the ropes... er, buckets, wigwams, compost thermometers, shovels and fun fall mornings working together.



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# Paradyme Management Donates Computers to SHLRC

by Matthew Arbach

On Wednesday, October 2, Paradyme Management (PM), a Greenbelt-based company, donated 10 new Dell laptop computers to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SHLRC) computer lab. At the event were PM CEO Viraj Gandhi and Office Manager Ada Ghuman and SHLRC Recreation Coordinator Brian Butler. The laptops have been installed with Microsoft Office 2010. These were replacements for the previous 10 donated in 2016.

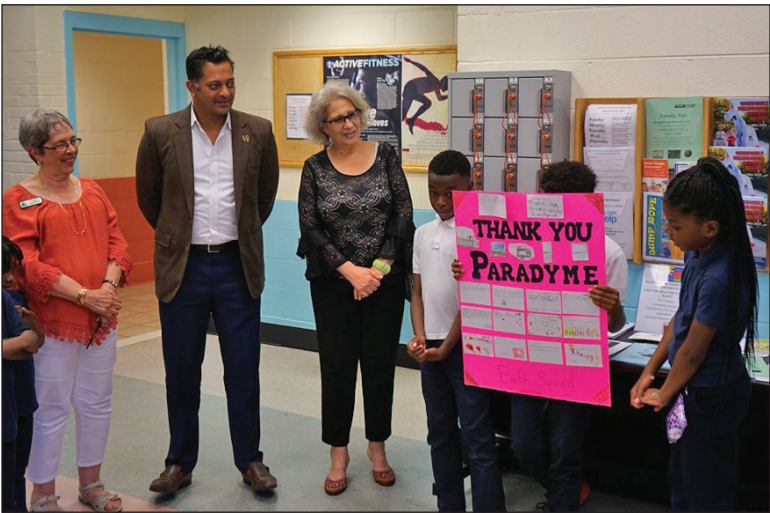
PM began in 2003 as a small enterprise and has grown into an award-winning business. It was recognized by the Washington Business Journal as one of the 75 fastest growing companies for the second time in 2018 as well as No. 20 on their list of the largest minority-owned companies, among other accolades. According to their website, they provide full life-cycle data management consulting services: “We help our clients capture data, integrate disparate data systems and analyze data to support decision making.” The many areas they consult in include cyber security, data analytics, enterprise integration, ERP software implementation and software development. In 2011, their corporate office moved to Greenbelt.

PM’s partnership with SHLRC began in 2015 with the purchasing of new breakaway basketball rims for the gymnasium. They also began a partnership with the Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) in 2016. PM’s Community Outreach Initiative is driven by the mantra “Be Involved. Be Giving. Be Impactful.” According to their website, “we want to see our community thrive and prosper, so why not strike the first match and ignite the change?”

PM first donated 10 laptops to SHLRC in May 2016. Greenbelt Assistant Director of Greenbelt Recreation Joe McNeal contacted PM a few weeks back to report that these computers were wearing out. PM Communications Specialist Charnay Patterson said, “PM felt this would be the perfect way to continue our partnership and make a strong hands-on impact in the community.” The October 2 ribbon-cutting was held by the SHLRC and the Greenbelt community as a way “of expressing their extreme gratitude and appreciation.”

PM has also provided coding classes at SHLRC, starting in May 2017. These classes focus on web design using the basics of HTML and coding. Butler asserted that these classes are “amazing.” According to PM’s Brittany Sperbeck, “it was great to see the kids’ faces light up with excitement when they saw that their coding created a unique web page designed by their very own imaginations.”

Butler said that the computer lab at SHLRC serves many purposes. Priority use is by students of all ages with homework. Yet, games are also popular. Anthony



Councilmember Judith Davis watches as Paradyme representatives Viraj Gandhi and Ada Ghuman accept a thank you poster from students at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

- Photos by Scott Crawford



Councilmember Ed Putens and students at Springhill Lake Recreation Center use the computers donated by Paradyme Management.



Members of the city council pose with the ten computers Paradyme donated for the children to use at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Ham provides an Entrepreneur Program at the lab with the majority of the students recruited from Prince George’s County schools, a relationship that has existed for nearly 10 years. Seniors are also welcome and are assisted in learning more about computers and technology. The lab is open Monday through Friday from 3 to 7 p.m.

Greenbelt Economic Development Coordinator Charise Liggins has acted as a facilitator between SHLRC and PM. Butler hopes to meet with her soon to discuss “a few options and ideas for the children in the community” in regard to more activities at the computer lab.

Patterson said that “it is very important to stay connected” with the Greenbelt community, which

is “in our backyard.” She went on to say “we are super happy to provide in an impactful way.”

Even though the relationship with PM has gone on four years, Butler said “we are just getting started. They do an amazing job in the community.”



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She was also a key mover in developing all the member resources GFCU offers today. She noted that “I helped with adding member services like debit cards, online banking, bill pay and providing easier access for membership. My last accomplishment was mobile banking and mobile deposits.”

With a total staff of eight people, including part-time workers, Comproni wears multiple hats in the office. She works as a human resources officer, a compliance officer, an accountant and an information technician, although Comproni said accounting has always been the most time-consuming job.

Comproni said the small staff establishes a family-friendly atmosphere. Staff is able to work one-on-one with customers. GFCU is a cooperative nonprofit meaning it is owned by its members and all the income the union earns is returned to members in the form of dividends, lower interest on loans and lower member service charges.

In the late ’80s Comproni started a credit union user group on the east coast that attracted CEOs from as far as Texas. The group is an educational tool for fellow credit unions to learn how to run their systems more efficiently.

Comproni said she feels lucky to live in Greenbelt because of the active residents and commu-

nity volunteers. Before working at the credit union, Comproni described herself as shy. Over the years, the close-knit atmosphere made her more outgoing and active in the community.

Outside of her work, Comproni is a dedicated Greenbelt volunteer. She is the treasurer of the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association, which she helped keep running smoothly for over 20 years. She is also treasurer of the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance and is a member and former co-chair of the city’s Public Safety Advisory Committee. She is a former volunteer of the children’s youth organization in Greenbelt and would help coach her kids’ T-ball games when they were young. In 1993, Comproni received the Greenbelt Business Person of the Year Award from the Greenbelt Rotary Club.


Although Comproni is not originally from Greenbelt, she married into a family that was one of the original pioneers of the city. Her father-in-law started out at the GFCU. “We have four generations in Greenbelt,” said Comproni.

Comproni said she’s not quite ready to fully leave the GFCU. “I want to make sure the union is taken care of,” said Comproni. She plans to make herself available to new leadership during this transitional period and will spend her free time with family.



Bumblebee on a sunflower

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**Robbery**  
October 5, 5:48 a.m., 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane. A cab driver picked up a fare in Washington and drove him to the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane. When the man was unable to pay for the ride they engaged in a verbal altercation, at which point the rider produced a knife and threatened the cabbie, also telling him that he had a gun. The man then fled on foot.

**Reckless Endangerment**  
October 7, 3:45 p.m., 7800 block of Hanover Parkway. Officers responded to reports of the sound of gunshots. Several shell casings were found in the area and three vehicles were damaged. There were no reports of injuries.  
October 7, 8:43 p.m., 7800 block of Mandan Road. Officers responded to reports of the sound of gunshots. Several shell casings were found in the area and three vehicles suffered damage. There were no reports of injuries.

**Theft**  
October 4, 9:31 a.m., 7200 block of Hanover Parkway. A wallet was taken from an unattended purse in an office suite.

**Vehicle Crime**  
A 2018 Chevrolet Malibu reported stolen August 14 from the 9300 block of Edmonston Road was recovered October 9 by Prince George's County Police in the 4100 block of Suitland Road in Forestville.  
Two tags, Maryland 6DK5453, were taken from a vehicle in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road on October 4. A cell phone was taken in the 7500 block of Mandan Road after a passenger window was broken.  
A windshield was shattered in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane on October 4 and a front passenger window was broken in the 7800 block of Mandan Road on October 5. On October 9, a BB-type gun was used to break several windows on one vehicle in the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS.  
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**City Notes**  
A family fun event was held Sunday at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.  
Beltway Plaza will honor Dr. Caitlin McGrath as a Local Hero on Friday, October 18 with a reception.  
Public Works picked up unwanted signs and checked for graffiti, put out Farmers Market barrels in Roosevelt Center, pruned overgrowth and removed four dead trees at Stream Valley Park trail, removed hazardous limbs from ash trees at 13 Ridge Road and planted annuals at the Police Station, Museum and Lakeside sign beds.  
Moonlit Movie at Central Park in Greenbelt Station featured The Muppet Movie (rated G).

## Citizen Advisory Possible Rabies Alert

On October 14 at approximately 5:21 p.m., Greenbelt Animal Control responded to the 100 block of Hedgewood Drive for a possible sick or injured raccoon. Animal Control impounded the raccoon and noted it did appear to be sick or possibly rabid, but because the raccoon had no known exposure to any domestic animals or humans it was not possible to confirm at this time if the raccoon was indeed rabid. This has been the third report of a possible rabid raccoon in the city. At 11:12 a.m. the same day Animal Control responded to the 9100 block of Edmonston Road for the report of a raccoon staggering in and out of the roadway. Animal Control was unable to locate this raccoon upon arrival. See the picture of the raccoon spotted in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road. Below are signs to look for in a possibly rabid raccoon:

- A staggering gait
- An animal seemingly oblivious to noise or nearby movement
- Erratic wandering
- Discharge from eyes or mouth
- Wet and matted hair on face
- Repeated high-pitched vocalization
- Self-mutilation

If you see a raccoon showing these signs, do not approach the animal. Contact Animal Control immediately at 301-474-6124 or Greenbelt Police non-emergency at 301-474-7200.



Possible rabid raccoon

## Prescription Takeback Scheduled for Oct. 26

The Greenbelt Police Department, in conjunction with the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), is participating in a free and anonymous, no questions asked prescription drugtakeback on Saturday, October 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be held in the Greenbelt Police Department parking lot in a pop-up tent, 550 Crescent Road. Medicines can be handed in without exiting the vehicle. This event allows the public a chance to rid their homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Only pills and patches will be accepted, no liquids, needles or sharps.

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# Kemp Retirement



Major Thomas Kemp (center), poses with his two sons, John Thomas Kemp (left), and Timothy Kemp (wearing his Montgomery County Police uniform) at his retirement party.

- Photos by Beverly Palau



Retiring Major Kemp receives the T-shirt he's worked for all his life.

## Growing Greenbelt's Leadership Workshop

Join the Center for Dynamic Community Governance on Sunday, November 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. for the third and final workshop on Growing Greenbelt's Leadership through the use of dynamic community governance tools and strategies. The workshop is open to community organizers, local business people and anyone looking to grow their leadership and governance skills, with an emphasis on consent-based decision-making. One-on-one sessions are also available upon request.

The workshop will be held at the Schrom Hills Recreation Center, 6915 Hanover Parkway. The training is free. For more information and to reserve a space (requested but not required), email [Aileen@dynamic-governance.org](mailto:Aileen@dynamic-governance.org).

The Greenbelt Community Foundation's support makes this program possible.

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Sports

ERHS Girls Soccer Squad Scores Big In Matches against Parkdale and Bowie

by Patrick Gleason

With two games in four days against their toughest opponents, the Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders varsity soccer team emerged once again as the county's premier girls soccer team. On October 3 ,senior Madison Endres tallied a hat trick against Parkdale, while classmate Corina Miko added a goal assisted by freshman Sarai de Souza. Parkdale was the first county opponent to score on the Raiders, though the Raiders outshot the Panthers 15-4. The Raiders encountered an even stiffer test when Bowie visited Greenbelt on October 7. The game was tied at halftime, after Endres' near miss on a header off of a Sophie Swart cross in the first half. But senior striker Zosia Nicholson sealed the 4 to 2 victory with a second-half goal. The Raiders ended their regular season by traveling to Bladensburg on October 10, Northwestern on October 14 and Wilde Lake on October 17.

The junior varsity produced its finest performance of the season with a second-half onslaught against Parkdale that started when Charlesima James placed a shot in the left corner of the net in the waning seconds of the first half. The Raiders had barely returned to the bench before Ariana Phillips scored the first goal after the halftime whistle. Then the Raiders seemed determined to trump their teammates with highlight reel goals. First, junior Nicole Campos released a shot, as a defender closed in, from outside

the 18-yard box that curved just inside the far post. Next, Sala Davis sprinted toward the goal before unleashing a blast that found space between the keeper's outstretched arms and the crossbar. Finally, Kamilla Yokley scored a goal to remember. Mia Hamilton played a short corner kick to Ana Lazo who dropped the ball back to Hamilton. With the rest of the Raiders descending into the goalbox, Hamilton lofted a cross, setting Yokley up for her first score of the season. As the ball dropped, Yokley ripped an impeccable volley to the upper right hand corner of the net before being mobbed by ecstatic teammates, exuberant over a flawless goal and a 7-0 victory.

The Raiders continued their strong play by defeating Bowie 5-0 on Monday. James, the freshman forward, added two more goals, while Ernestina Atta-Safoh, Lazo and Phillips also added goals on the evening. The Raiders backline was tested more than usual, but keeper Anjalaoluwa Oludayo was prepared to make saves when needed. The only thing missing from the victory was Oludayo's voice – as she recovered from a sickness – but the Raiders managed to create more than enough noise in the victory over their rival.

- Photos by Grazelle Giray



Freshman Azinwi McKinney takes a free kick for the Raiders. McKinney is a starting centerback for the undefeated junior varsity squad.



Junior Amanda Schroeder attempts a shot in the junior varsity 5-0 win over Bowie.

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Cecilia Hass delivers mulch for the butterfly garden as Ms. Worthing and Ms. Jones, 4th grade teachers at the school, prepare the beds.




Greenbelt Elementary students, past and present, work hard to spruce up the school grounds.

- Photos by Ingrid Cowan Hass

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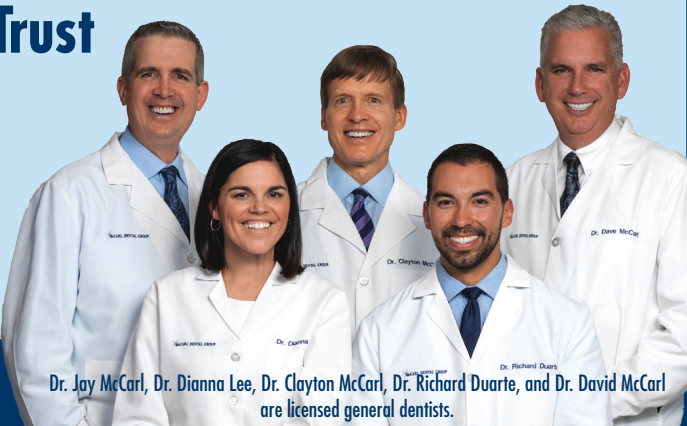
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